
MIGEU YA KASI

POLITICAL MANIFESTO 2026

**BUILDING AN ECONOMICALLY EMPOWERED,
SAFE AND PROSPEROUS MUSINA**

“Kasi people must be at the centre of their own development.”

Community Ownership. Economic Freedom. Accountable Leadership.

Always There for Kasi People

FOR A BETTER MUSINA

1. OUR VISION

Migeu Ya Kasi envisions a Musina where every resident has an opportunity to earn a living, build a business, access quality public services and participate meaningfully in the development of their community.

We believe that the wealth of Musina must translate into tangible benefits for the people who call this town home.

Musina's future cannot be measured only by the minerals extracted from its soil, the businesses operating within its borders or the revenue generated by its economy. It must also be measured by the jobs created, businesses established, families lifted out of poverty and young people given opportunities to succeed.

Our vision is to build a town where economic development is visible in people's lives, public resources are managed responsibly and communities have a meaningful voice in decisions that affect them.

2. WHO WE ARE

Migeu Ya Kasi is a South African civil rights movement and political organisation established in 2009, rooted in the interests, dignity and aspirations of Kasi people.

We believe that political leadership must be a means of improving people's lives, not an end in itself. Our approach is community-centred and supports participatory democracy, local economic empowerment, human rights, transparency, social justice and accountable government.

We seek to build a future in which residents are not merely spectators in their own development, but active participants, owners and beneficiaries of economic progress.

3. OUR POLICY PRIORITIES

PILLAR 1: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND LOCAL OWNERSHIP

The economy of Musina must work for the people of Musina.

Economic transformation must go beyond attracting investment. It must ensure that local residents and businesses can participate in, own and benefit from economic activity.

- Local procurement opportunities for qualifying Musina-based businesses.
- Transparent access to municipal tenders and business opportunities.
- Business development support for entrepreneurs, informal traders and emerging enterprises.
- Partnerships connecting local businesses with mining companies, construction firms and major investors.
- Community participation in investment and development initiatives.
- Support for cooperatives, community enterprises and locally owned investment structures.
- Skills development aligned with real economic opportunities.

Our objective is to help build an economy in which more residents earn an income, more businesses grow and more wealth circulates within local communities.

PILLAR 2: MINING BENEFICIATION AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Musina must benefit from the minerals beneath its soil.

Mining is a major part of the region's economic identity, but the value of mineral resources should not be considered only in terms of extraction and export. Migeu Ya Kasi will advocate for greater local participation across the mining value chain, including mineral processing, beneficiation, engineering, logistics, manufacturing

and supporting services.

- Engaging mining companies and relevant government departments on local economic participation.
- Advocating for skills transfer, apprenticeships and employment pathways for local residents.
- Promoting feasible beneficiation opportunities, including diamond cutting, polishing and jewellery manufacturing where commercially and technically viable.
- Encouraging mining procurement policies that create accessible opportunities for capable local enterprises.
- Supporting transparent community-benefit agreements and meaningful consultation on major mining developments.
- Promoting environmental responsibility, mine rehabilitation and economic diversification beyond mining.

Our position is clear: local communities must have a meaningful stake in the economic opportunities created by their natural resources.

PILLAR 3: YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Young people must be participants in the economy, not permanent spectators waiting for opportunities.

Migeu Ya Kasi will promote practical pathways from education and training into employment, entrepreneurship and productive economic activity.

- Youth employment programmes linked to identifiable skills and labour-market needs.
- Partnerships with businesses to expand internships, apprenticeships and workplace training.
- Entrepreneurship support and business mentorship.
- Opportunities in technology, media, arts, culture, sports and the creative industries.
- Access to information about vacancies, training programmes and funding opportunities.
- Youth participation in local decision-making.
- Support for young people entering agriculture, mining services, construction and renewable energy.

We will explore partnerships with qualified professionals, employers, educational institutions and service providers to expand access to career guidance and practical support.

PILLAR 4: SUPPORTING KASI BUSINESSES

Small businesses are essential to the economic life of our communities. From construction contractors and plumbers to photographers, mechanics, caterers, designers, solar installers and informal traders, local entrepreneurs deserve opportunities to grow.

- A Kasi Business Directory to improve the visibility of local enterprises.
- Business networking and supplier-development initiatives.
- Workshops on compliance, bookkeeping, marketing, taxation and business management.
- Better access to information about procurement, grants and business-support programmes.
- Partnerships between established companies and emerging local suppliers.
- Support for township and informal businesses through appropriate local policies and fair regulatory practices.

We will encourage residents, institutions and businesses to consider qualified local suppliers when purchasing goods and services.

Supporting Kasi businesses means keeping more economic activity within our communities.

PILLAR 5: QUALITY MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Residents deserve reliable, accessible and properly managed municipal services. Migeu Ya Kasi will advocate for improved performance in the services and infrastructure falling within the municipality's responsibilities.

- Reliable refuse collection and responsible waste management.
- Clean streets, maintained public spaces and improved sanitation.
- Proper maintenance of municipal roads and stormwater infrastructure.
- Responsive handling of water and electricity service concerns within the relevant authorities' responsibilities.
- Maintenance of parks, recreational facilities and community infrastructure.
- Transparent reporting on municipal projects, expenditure and service-delivery performance.
- Fair and accessible channels for residents to report service failures.

We will push for clear service-delivery priorities, measurable targets and regular public reporting. Residents should be able to ask what was budgeted, what was spent, what was completed and what remains outstanding.

PILLAR 6: COMMUNITY SAFETY

Every person deserves to live, work and move around Musina without fear. Community safety requires cooperation between residents, law-enforcement agencies, municipal structures, businesses and other relevant institutions.

- Better-maintained street lighting and safer public spaces.
- Stronger cooperation between communities and the South African Police Service.
- Support for lawful community-policing initiatives.
- Youth programmes that provide constructive alternatives to crime.
- Improved reporting and referral mechanisms for crime-related concerns.
- Measures to address unsafe public environments and neglected areas.
- Support for victims of crime through appropriate referral networks.

Community safety must be pursued within the Constitution and the law, respecting the rights and dignity of every person.

PILLAR 7: IMMIGRATION, BORDER MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS

As a border town, Musina experiences economic and social pressures associated with cross-border movement, trade, migration and regional activity. Migeu Ya Kasi recognises the importance of effective border management, lawful immigration processes and cooperation between national, provincial and local authorities.

- Effective and lawful management of South Africa's borders.
- Proper coordination between relevant government departments.
- Evidence-based planning for public services and infrastructure in border communities.
- Fair enforcement of immigration and labour laws.
- Protection against exploitation, trafficking, corruption and unlawful employment practices.
- Stronger regional trade arrangements that create opportunities for legitimate local businesses.
- Respect for constitutional rights and human dignity.

National government must take responsibility for immigration and border-management functions while working with affected municipalities and communities. Local residents must be meaningfully consulted, and policy

responses must be based on evidence, lawful procedures and practical solutions.

PILLAR 8: AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Musina and the surrounding region have opportunities to strengthen agricultural production, agro-processing and related businesses. Migeu Ya Kasi will promote initiatives that help local residents participate in agriculture and build sustainable livelihoods.

- Supporting emerging farmers and agricultural cooperatives.
- Improving access to agricultural training and market information.
- Promoting irrigation efficiency and responsible water management.
- Encouraging partnerships between farmers, buyers, processors and financial institutions.
- Exploring opportunities in food processing, packaging, transport and agricultural supply chains.
- Supporting initiatives that improve access to affordable, nutritious food.

We believe agriculture should be treated as an economic sector capable of creating jobs, supporting households and developing local enterprises.

PILLAR 9: CLEAN COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Development must not come at the expense of the environment or the health of residents.

- Community clean-up campaigns.
- Improved waste collection and illegal-dumping prevention.
- Environmental education and public participation.
- Protection of water resources and public spaces.
- Responsible management of mining-related environmental impacts.
- Tree planting and appropriate greening initiatives.
- Partnerships for recycling and other viable waste-to-value enterprises.

We will encourage cooperation between residents, businesses, schools and public institutions to keep our communities clean and healthy.

PILLAR 10: TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT

Public office is a responsibility entrusted to elected representatives. Residents must have access to information about public decisions, municipal spending and development projects.

- Regular public engagement and community meetings.
- Transparent communication about municipal plans and budgets.
- Monitoring of project progress and service-delivery commitments.
- Accessible channels for complaints, questions and suggestions.
- Responsible management of public resources.
- Ethical conduct and the prevention of corruption.
- Meaningful participation in municipal planning and budget processes.
- Clear reporting on commitments made to communities.

We will encourage residents to scrutinise public representatives and demand explanations when commitments are not fulfilled. Accountability must be continuous, not something that happens only during election campaigns.

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES

Migeu Ya Kasi recognises that economic development alone cannot address every challenge facing households. We will seek partnerships with qualified professionals, registered organisations, public institutions and responsible businesses to expand access to appropriate support.

- Legal information and referrals to qualified legal practitioners.
- Health and wellness education and referrals to registered providers.
- Employment assistance and career guidance.
- Business-development support.
- Youth development and mentorship.
- Financial literacy and referrals to authorised financial-service providers.
- Community safety and environmental programmes.

These initiatives will be developed according to available resources, appropriate professional standards and relevant legal requirements. Our long-term objective is to strengthen community self-reliance by connecting people with the knowledge, services and opportunities they need to improve their lives.

5. OUR APPROACH TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Migeu Ya Kasi recognises that a local municipality cannot independently solve every economic or social problem. Municipal government has specific legal responsibilities, while other matters fall under provincial or national government, public entities and private institutions.

Our approach will combine responsible municipal oversight with active engagement across all spheres of government.

- Identify the most pressing needs of residents.
- Establish clear priorities based on community input and available evidence.
- Monitor municipal budgets, plans and service-delivery commitments.
- Engage relevant authorities on matters outside municipal control.
- Build partnerships that expand opportunities for local residents.
- Report progress honestly and identify outstanding challenges.

We will not promise that a municipality can create every job, control every border function or directly manage every private investment. We will advocate for practical action within the powers and resources available to the relevant institutions.

6. OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE

Migeu Ya Kasi commits itself to a model of politics that places the interests and dignity of communities at the centre of public life.

Residents should not have to wait for election season to engage their representatives. Our approach is based on listening, participation, responsible oversight and transparent communication.

We will encourage community members to participate in shaping priorities, monitoring progress and identifying practical solutions. Where we make commitments, we should be prepared to explain how they will be pursued, what resources are required and how progress will be measured.

Where obstacles arise, residents deserve honest explanations rather than silence.

7. MEASURING OUR PROGRESS

A manifesto must be more than a collection of promises. It must provide a framework against which performance can be assessed.

Migeu Ya Kasi will seek to develop measurable action plans for its priorities, including indicators such as:

- Local business participation in available procurement opportunities.
- Number of business-support and skills-development initiatives delivered.
- Progress on identified municipal service-delivery concerns.
- Completion and maintenance of prioritised community infrastructure.
- Community participation in public meetings and planning processes.
- Progress on environmental and community-safety initiatives.
- Publication of progress reports on agreed commitments.

Targets must be established using available baseline information, realistic budgets and the legal powers of the relevant institutions. The public has a right to know not only what leaders promise, but also what they have done.

8. OUR VALUES

Community empowerment

People must have a meaningful role in shaping their future.

Economic transformation

Economic opportunities must translate into broader participation, ownership and improved livelihoods.

Human dignity

Every person deserves to be treated with respect.

Accountability

Public representatives must explain their decisions and performance.

Transparency

Public information and decision-making should be accessible in accordance with the law.

Participatory democracy

Communities must have meaningful opportunities to influence public decisions.

Social justice

Public institutions should uphold fairness, equal rights and access to opportunities.

Environmental responsibility

Development must account for the long-term wellbeing of communities and their surroundings.

9. OUR CALL FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT CONVERSATION

Musina's future should not be determined solely by political institutions, large corporations or decisions made far from the communities affected by them.

Residents, workers, entrepreneurs, young people, traditional and community leadership, civil society and responsible investors all have a role to play in shaping the town's development.

Migeu Ya Kasi calls for a development approach that brings these stakeholders together around practical priorities, transparent commitments and measurable outcomes.

We want a Musina in which local people have the opportunity to build businesses, participate in industry, access reliable services and contribute to decisions about their future. We want economic growth that creates opportunities beyond a narrow circle of beneficiaries, and public institutions that listen, explain and act within their responsibilities.

Above all, we want a community whose people have the confidence, knowledge and means to participate in their own development.

CONCLUSION: THE FUTURE BELONGS IN OUR HANDS

Migeu Ya Kasi believes that the development of Musina must begin with the needs, aspirations and potential of its people.

Our political programme is centred on economic empowerment, local participation, accountable government, quality services and community self-reliance. We recognise that meaningful transformation requires planning, partnerships, responsible leadership and sustained public participation.

The work ahead is substantial, and progress must be demonstrated through action rather than words alone.

Our vision is a Musina where the dignity of residents is protected, economic opportunities are more accessible and communities have a meaningful voice in determining their future.

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Publication note: This manifesto sets out policy intentions. Specific targets and implementation commitments should be finalised against available resources, baseline data and the legal responsibilities of the relevant institutions.